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CER PRESIDENT JEANNE ALLEN KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT GEORGIA CHARTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Washington, DC – The Center for Education Reform (CER) president Jeanne Allen will be the keynote speaker tomorrow at the Georgia Charter Schools Association Annual Conference in Atlanta. With a growing charter school movement in the Peach State, including support from Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and Rep. Ed Setzler, Allen will address the need for a stronger charter school law in the state.

WHO: Jeanne Allen, founder and president of the Center for Education Reform.

WHAT: Jeanne Allen will address charter school issues in Georgia, including a weak charter school law and the need to increase public awareness of these innovative public schools.

WHERE: Loudermilk Conference Center
40 Courtland Street
Atlanta, GA

WHEN: Thursday, January 25, 2007
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

WHY: With Georgia charter schools serving a higher percentage of at-risk youth, these innovative schools continue to outperform their conventional public school counterparts. In 2006, 88 percent of Georgia's charters made Adequate Yearly

Progress (AYP) compared to 78 percent conventional publics. Georgia needs a stronger charter school law and more public awareness so all parents will have the power to choose a school that best fits their child's needs.

For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact Jon Hussey at 202-822-9000 or jon@edreform.com.

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